

thirteen years, by now the family had increased to six children, four sons and two daughters. The pulpit of the Clinton Church was filled by supply ministers until 1832 when Rev. Henry Curtis became pastor of Bethany and Clinton (at the time called Canaan). They now decided to buy a farm. Accordingly they purchased one pleasantly located on the west branch of the Lackawaxen, some three and a half miles west of Bethany (Edenvale) (the farm was later owned by the Gillow family and is now covered by the waters of the Prompton reservoir). Rev. Curtis was now preaching at Bethany and Clinton. Rev. Curtis was born in Illston, Leicestershire, England, Oct. 11, 1800, the youngest of twelve children, and he bore his father's name. In 1812 they emigrated to this country, and settled on a farm near Gilbertsville, Otsego Co., N.Y., and upon the death of his parents shortly after they came to this country, he went to New York City where he met Eliza Banning. They were married March 13, 1824. He answered the call to God's ministry, his first preaching at Conklin, Broome Co., N.Y., from where he was called to Bethany. Shortly after he started preaching here, he commenced regular preaching at Honesdale on the site occupied by the Liberty Hall. His labors were continued there stately until the constitution of the Baptist Church in 1842. From 1839 to 1847 he preached one-half his time at Damascus. From 1845 to 1857 his labors were chiefly devoted to the Clinton Church, preaching one-half the time in 1849-1851 for the church in Carbondale. From Feb. 1853-1854 or 5, he preached at Bethany again. During the time nearly 750 persons were added by baptism, and in 1854 his four younger children were converted, baptized and received into the Bethany Church. His labors with the Clinton Church covered a period of fourteen years and during that time the church enjoyed three general revivals. His residence in Wayne County of thirty-five years was one of continued labor in the ministry. During this period he labored more or less with the following churches: Bethany, Clinton, Carbondale, Damascus, Lebanon, Berlin, Ashland, Berlin II, Aldenville, Pau-pack Eddy, Palmyra, Lackawaxen, Barryville and Shohola, and Jackson in the Bridgewater Association. His field over the part of the last five years extended over a distance of thirty miles, and the nearest church he served was fourteen miles from his residence. The inclemency of the weather never hindered him from keeping his appointments. He was known to go when the roads were considered impassable for others. During his ministry he baptized over one thousand believers who